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Presentation

Autism Outcomes and Risk Factors: What can we learn from health care claims?

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Biography

Craig J. Newschaffer, Ph.D., is Professor and Chairman of the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics at the Drexel University School of Public Health and founding director of the new A.J. Drexel Autism Institute. The Institute will develop a series of research programs that apply the public health sciences to questions whose answers can improve the quality of life for individuals with autism and their families.

Dr. Newschaffer, an epidemiologist whose main research focus is the discovery of modifiable autism risk factors, is principal investigator on one of five NIH Autism Centers of Excellence (ACE) research networks. That Network runs the Early Autism Risk Longitudinal Investigation (EARLI), a large cohort study designed specifically to study pre, peri- and neonatal autism risk factors and biomarkers by following mothers of children with autism at the start of subsequent pregnancies. Dr. Newschaffer has also been a site PI on several other major autism epidemiology initiatives, including both the ADDM Network and SEED Study, and leads a project exploring innovative approaches to autism case confirmation for the National Children's Study (NCS). He is a fellow of the American College of Epidemiology and serves as an Associate Editor of the *American Journal of Epidemiology* and on the editorial board of *Autism Research*.